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Cuban Policy Criticized

I am glad The Courier-Journal has noted the following in its article on the landing of a Marine contingent at the Guantanamo naval base! It seems to me that some of our officials are determined to wage a war of nerves against the Cuban people and their government. We are badly in need of a change of policy toward Cuba. Unless we are prepared to face a challenge to our national movements against our capitalist and business interests throughout Latin America.

May I respectfully suggest that we recognize other nations' evils and defend their same rights we claim for ourselves. We must understand that we have no right to bring diplomatic, economic or military pressure to bear on Cuba simply because we have differences of opinion with those who formulate that nation's policies. If we can carry on diplomatic relations and cultural exchanges with Russia and other nations in the Soviet bloc, why in the world can't we do the same with a tiny nation in our hemisphere? We should act our age and stop blaming our troubles on Fidel Castro and his advisers.

Let us examine our own motives before we question those of others.

Do we really believe, for example, that Premier Castro would seek to invade the Guantanamo base and initiate a military action which would destroy his regime? And how about the

activities of our busy and presumably well-heeled CIA agents? If the money of U. S. taxpayers is being used to promote armed conflict in Cuba, or elsewhere, it constitutes a national scandal and a powerful threat to our own national security. What do we really know about events in Cuba and the forces behind them? Few U. S. newspapers seem really interested in finding out.

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